Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1. (currently amended) An additive composition that is free of polycyclic carboxylic acids and of acid derivatives thereof, for a fuel oil composition, comprising:
an additive, (a), comprising salt derivatives of a plurality of monocarboxylic acids, each having from 10 to 24 carbon atoms~~, or acid derivatives thereof~~, less than 7 mass % of which ~~acids or~~ acids from which ~~said~~ salt derivatives are derived having a linear chain and being saturated, and the balance being unsaturated, at least 35 mass % of said balance being polyunsaturated.

2. (currently amended) An additive composition that is free of polycyclic carboxylic acids and of acid derivatives thereof, for a fuel oil composition, comprising or obtained by mixing:
an additive, (a'), comprising salt derivatives of a plurality of monocarboxylic acids, each having from 10 to 24 carbon atoms, ~~or acid derivatives thereof,~~ less than 7 mass % of which ~~acids or~~ acids from which ~~said~~ salt derivatives are derived having a linear chain and being saturated, and the balance being unsaturated, at least 35 mass % of said balance being polyunsaturated; and
either or both of an additive, (b), in the form of an anti-oxidant additive and an additive, (c), in the form of an electrical-conductivity improver additive.

3. (currently amended) An additive composition that is free of polycyclic carboxylic acids and of acid derivatives thereof, for a fuel oil composition, comprising or obtained by mixing:
an additive, (a''), comprising salt derivatives of one or more monocarboxylic acids, ~~the or~~ each acid having from 10 to 24 carbon atoms~~, or acid derivatives thereof~~; and an additive, (c), in the form of an electrical-conductivity improver additive.

4. (previously presented) The additive composition as claimed in claim 1 additionally comprising or obtained by mixing:
an additive,(b), in the form of an anti-oxidant additive.

5. (previously presented) The additive composition as claimed in claim 1 additionally comprising or obtained by mixing:
an additive, (c), in the form of an electrical-conductivity improver additive.

6. (original) The additive composition as claimed in claim 1 wherein a major proportion of the unsaturated acids or derivatives thereof has 18 carbon atoms.

7. (original) The additive composition as claimed in claim 6 wherein the acids include oleic acid, linolenic acid and linoleic acid.

8. (previously presented) The additive composition as claimed in claim 1 additionally comprising, or obtained by mixing, a carrier or diluent.

9. (previously presented) A fuel oil composition that is free of polycyclic carboxylic acids and of acid derivatives thereof comprising, or obtained by mixing, a fuel oil in a major proportion, and an additive composition as claimed in claim 1, in a minor proportion.

10. (original) The fuel oil composition as claimed in claim 9 wherein the fuel oil is a middle distillate fuel, a jet fuel or a Fischer-Tropsch fuel.

11. (original) The fuel oil composition as claimed in claim 10 wherein the fuel oil is a middle distillate fuel having a cloud point of -5°C or lower.

12. (previously presented) The fuel oil composition as claimed in claim 10 where the fuel oil is a middle distillate fuel containing less then 500 ppm by mass of sulphur.

13 (previously presented) A method of operating an internal combustion engine using, as fuel for the engine, a fuel oil composition as claimed in claim 9.

14. (original) The method of claim 13 wherein the fuel oil is a middle distillate fuel containing less than 500 ppm by mass of sulphur.

15. (previously presented) The additive composition as claimed in claim 3 additionally comprising or obtained by mixing:
an additive,(b), in the form of an anti-oxidant additive.